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In re Application ) PATENT APPLICATION  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED )  
CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE )

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
(CONTINUATION-IN-PART)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if one name is listed below), first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE**

the specification of which (check applicable ones):

- ☐ is attached hereto;
- ☒ was filed with the above-identified "Filed" date and "SC/Serial No."
- ☐ was amended on (or amended through) .
- ☒ The present application is a continuation-in-part of Prior Application, Application No. 08/583,815, filed: January 5, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part to Application No. 08/435,822, filed: May 5, 1995, and may be considered to disclose and claim subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the Prior Application, and I hereby claim the benefit of 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, including information which became available between the filing date of the Prior Application and the national or PCT international filing date of the present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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